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Title: Need to fix a Minimum Support Price for Cardamom.

SHRI P.T. THOMAS (IDUKKI): Cardamom industry plays an important role in the economy of Kerala. The State accounts for 67 per cent of the country's cardamom production. The high ranges of the Idukki district are the main cultivating region of spices in the State. The price of Cardamom has reached the lowest level in the recent times. There is a fear among the Cardamom growers that the prices may further decline. The increase in the cost of production, coupled with the sudden drop in prices, has added to the woes of Cardamom cultivators. The situation today is that the farmers are not getting even the cost of production. I want to draw the attention of the Government to the issue of fall in price of Cardamom and request to consider for minimum support price of Cardamom to save the farmers.